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Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated March 14, 2001 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before September 6, 2001. *A Petition for a 1-Month Extension of Time is submitted herewith, making this amendment due on or before July 14, 2001.* In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested. Applicants note that those claims not amended herein are being reiterated solely for the convenience of the Examiner.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

32. (Amended) A kit for use in linearly amplifying mRNA, said kit comprising:

an oligonucleotide promoter-primer comprising an RNA polymerase promoter sequence; and

instructions to convert the mRNA to cDNA, and to then transcribe the cDNA into RNA in the presence of a reverse transcriptase that is rendered incapable of RNA-dependent DNA polymerase activity during this transcription step.

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